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1. THIS MORNING'S (JUNE 17) ISSUE OF JORNAL DE
BRASILIA MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ABOUT ITAMARATY
(FON MIN) INTEREST IN THE FORD/SHEEL TALKS:
A) ITAMARATY IS WAITING FOR THE RESULTS OF THE FORD/
SHEEL TALKS IN THE HOPE THAT THEY DO NOT BRING
FORTH OBSTACLES TO THE NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT.
B) ALTHOUGH PLANNED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE
YEAR, THE MEETING OCCURS AT A CRITICAL MOMENT IN
THE CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT, AT A TIME WHEN US
PUBLIC OPINION IS BEING MOTIVATED AGAINST THE AGREE-
MENT BY PRONOUNCEMENTS IN CONGRESS AND EDITORIALS IN
THE NEW YORK TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST.
C) IN THE BEST CASE, ACCORDING TO A HIGH ITAMARATY
SOURCE, FORD WOULD ADVISE SCHEEL OF US CONCERNS
ABOUT GERMANY'S FURNISHING TECHNOLOGY AND NUCLEAR
MATERIALS, THUS BREAKING THE NARROW CIRCLE OF
COUNTRIES WITH ACCESS TO SUCH RESOURCES. IN THE
WORST CASE, FORD, UTILIZING ONE OF THE MANY ELEMENTS
OF PRESSURE AVAILABLE TO THE US, WOULD IMPOSE ON SCHEEL
A VIRTUAL PROHIBITION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE AGREEMENT. AMONG THE
PRESSURE ELEMENTS POSSESSED BY US IS THE
MAINTENANCE OF US TROOPS IN GERMAN TERRITORY, IN
A DELICATE EQUILIBRIUM WITH SOVIET FORCES IN EAST
GERMANY.
D) THE MAJORITY OPINION IN ITAMARATY, HOWEVER, IS
THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR THE US
TO BLOCK THE SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT, SINCE THE
RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BONN AND BRASILIA WERE
CONFIRMED THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF GOVERNMENT-TO-
GOVERNMENT NOTES, AND NO PRETEXT FOR POSTPONING THE
SIGNATURE FORESEEN FOR JUNE 27 WOULD BE ACCEPTED IN
THE FEW DAYS WHICH REMAIN BEFORE FONMIN SILVEIRA
GOES TO GERMANY.
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